

The Office Action specifies that:

“The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the specification submitted 10/13/00 is absent in the instant application. Applicant is requested to provide a copy of the specification that was filed 10/13/00.”

This is an application for Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,563,067. The application was filed on October 13, 2000. The specification in a reissue application is simply a true copy of the printed patent. The Code of Federal Regulations for submission of specifications in reissue applications (37 CFR 1.173(a)(1)) had been amended a few months before the filing date of this application to require a copy of the printed patent, in double column format, each page on a single side of one sheet of paper. However, the effective date of the change to 37 CFR 1.173(a) (1) was November 7, 2000, a few days after this reissue application was filed. See, 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000).

Consequently, the proper format for a specification of this vintage is one in which the patent specification is cut into single columns and each column is attached to a single page. A copy of the specification in this format is attached. (Attachment I)

In the event that a double column format specification is now desired, for reasons of practicality or convenience, a copy of the specification in double column format is also attached. (Attachment II)

A copy of the printed patent drawings is also enclosed, although no comment relating to these drawings is found in the Office Action. (Attachment III)

For the information of the USPTO, copies of the Return Receipt Postcard, the Utility Patent Application Transmittal form, and the Express Mail Certificate used in the original filing of this reissue application are also enclosed. Both of these documents show that a specification was originally filed. (Attachment IV)

CONCLUSION

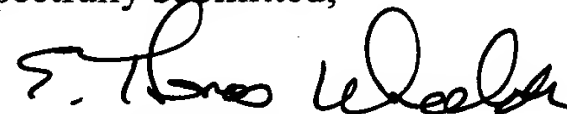
Allowance is again requested.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.

369212000131. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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